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C.G. Chaney.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1970

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1970 prepared as directed by the Minister of Health and Social Security.

The Health of the District has been generally good. Influenza was reported several times but there was no major epidemic. There was a sharp outbreak of Measles during the summer. A possible source of recurrent Streptococcal infection was found in a school.

The population is estimated at 22,820, an increase of 920 of which only 154 is the excess of births over deaths. The rate of natural increase has fallen steadily of late years as shown below. (The Registrar General's Comparability Factor of 0.88 for births and 1.19 for deaths mean that he regards the population as being younger and potentially more reproductive than the national average but even the uncorrected birth rate was below the rate for England and Wales). Presumably this reflects wider use of contraception and can be seen as a response to the publicity given to the population problem.

Coronary disease is prominent among the causes of death and is affecting men at even younger ages. It is connected with smoking, rich feeding and inadequate exercise, and is often precipitated by mental or physical stress. In short a disease of affluent, highly competitive conditions such as are only too common to-day. Lung cancer is again the commonest of the malignant diseases, with its preponderance of men.

Work is well advanced on the new Frimley District Hospital.

The Local Authorities Social Services Act 1970, was passed. This sets up Social Services Departments of County Councils which will replace the former Welfare and Childrens Departments and also take over the former Health functions of Home Help, Mental Welfare and Child Minding.

In April, I was formally appointed Medical Officer of Health to Fleet Urban District and to the five other Districts comprising North East Hampshire.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their kindness and encouragement during the year; and to the Clerk of the Council for his help and to Mr. Smale, Chief Public Health Inspector and to the staff of the Health Department, for their loyalty and ready assistance in my work.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

I.H.C. Morton.

Medical Officer of Health.

June 1971.

GENERAL STATISTICS 1970

Area: 3,694 acres.

Population: 22,820 (estimated mid-year, 1970)-(Census 1961 - 13,672)

Number of inhabited houses: 6,643

Sum represented by penny rate: £8,928 (estimated 1.4.71).

Rateable Value: £860,134. (31.12.70)

General Rate: 61p (12/3) in the £ (for dwelling-houses)

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births		Rate for England and Wales
Total number (12 illegitimate)	360	
Rate per 1,000 population	15.8	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor(0.88)	13.9	16.00
Illegitimate as percentage of total	3	8
Still Births		
Total (all legitimate)	4	
Rate per 1,000 all births	11	13
Total all Births	364	
Deaths		
Total	206	
Rate per 1,000 population	9	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor(1.19)	10.17	11.7
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	NIL	
Infant Deaths		
Under 1 year (1 Illegitimate)	12	
Rate per 1,000 live births	33	18
Under 1 week (early neo-natal) (1 Illegitimate)	11	
Rate per 1,000 live births	31	11
Stillbirths plus early neo-natal(perinatal)	15	
Rate per 1,000 all births	41	23

There was an unusually high number of deaths of infants under 1 week. In five out of eleven cases, prematurity was given as the first cause and it was mentioned in a further three.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1970

				M	F	Total
Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	...	...		1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	...	...		1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...		1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	...	...		2	3	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...		8	1	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...		-	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...		-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	...	...		1	-	1
Leukaemia	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	2	4	6
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	1	2	3
Other Endocrine Etc.. Diseases	...	...	...	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	...	...		-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...		2	2	4
Hypertensive Disease	...	...	...	3	2	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	22	19	41
Other forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	4	8	12
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	10	17	27
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...		1	5	6
Influenza	...	...	...	7	3	10
Pneumonia	...	...	...	4	7	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	4	2	6
Asthma	...	...	...	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	...	...		3	3	6
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	...	...		4	1	5
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	...	...		-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	...	...	...	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	...	...		2	-	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...		3	3	6
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	...	...		1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	2	1	3
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	3	5	8
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	...	...		1	1	2
All other External Causes	...	...		1	1	2
Total all Causes				99	107	206

Ischaemic heart disease continues to be the most frequent cause and one third of the 22 male deaths were in men of 40-55. By contrast the 19 women were all over 65.

Lung cancer remains the commonest of the malignant group, with its preponderance of men.

Infectious Diseases

The following table shows the infectious diseases notified during the past five years.

Infectious Disease	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Scarlet Fever	3	15	17	17	12
Measles	33	842	34	18	294
Whooping Cough	53	46	8	-	11
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	2
Infective Hepatitis	(Not notifiable)		-	4	1
Tuberculosis	2	8	3	2	4

Measles

The number of cases annually up to 1968 followed the usual 2-year pattern. As I reported last year, there was a dramatic fall in 1969, which was attributed in part at least to the fact that 393 children had received Measles vaccination during 1968.

1970 should have been a year of low incidence but in fact there was an outbreak from May to September with a peak of 157 cases in July. Five were recorded as having had Measles vaccination. This outbreak did not occur so markedly in the neighbouring Districts, though it did in other parts of England. It seemed possible that it might be related to the continual arrival of new families in this growing district but a questionnaire did not reveal a high proportion of such among the cases. One must conclude that it was due to insufficient children having being brought for immunisation. There was, however, a man who had resisted it for 54 years before coming to Fleet.

Scarlet Fever

The number of cases notified has dropped slightly. There was a continuing flow of "sore throats" in one infants school in Autumn 1969 with four known Scarlet Fevers, so a mass swabbing was done in February. Out of about 330 children, there were 36 carriers, 31 throat, 3 nasal and 2 both. All were referred to their General Practitioner. All five nasal carriers were cleared by treatment. Three throats remained positive and six for various reasons were unknown.

Looking back over the past five years, 38% of cases have been of Infant School age and 35% have been younger. 57% lived in the district served by this school. The remaining 43% were divided between two other schools. Since the treatment of the carriers in March there have been no cases notified from this school's area.

Food Poisoning

Of the two cases, one was contracted on holiday abroad and the other discovered during investigation of symptoms in a child of three years of age.

Tuberculosis

Four new cases were reported, all through the Aldershot Chest Clinic.

Venereal Diseases

No figures are available for the District. The figures for the whole county show a continued rise in these diseases and age of occurrence is becoming less.

Immunisation

The procedure introduced in 1968 remains in use.

The number of children recorded as immunised is shown in the following tables:-

Year of Birth	Triple		Diph/Tet		Polio		Measles	Smallpox	
	P	B	P	B	P	B		P	Re-vacc
1970	33	-	-	-	32	-	-	5	
1969	179	29	8	-	206	25	34	110	
1968	23	124	5	2	33	80	34		
1967	1	21	-	-	2	16	31	70	12
1966-63	11	115	27	323	39	611	66		
Others under 16	-	25	9	139	11	61	2	14	96
Totals	247	314	49	464	323	793	167	199	108

German Measles

Vaccination against German Measles for girls of 13 years of age was authorised by the Department of Health and Social Security. The course consists of one dose only and 108 girls were immunised during the year.

B.C.G.

No vaccinations were done during the year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff:

Miss S.F.B. Hicks 29 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 7178	District Midwife	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison. Fleet and unattached midwifery.
Mrs. M.M. Spelman, 21 Wood Lane, Fleet.	District Nurse	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison, Fleet.
Mrs. P.E. Fraser, 4 Oakley Drive, Fleet. Tel No. Fleet 6802	District Nurse/Midwife	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey.
Mrs. U.M.E. Alexander, 26 Coxheath Road, Church Crookham Tel. No. Fleet 4416	District Nurse	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey.
Miss B.M. Grubb, 14 Westbury Close, Fleet. Tel. No. Fleet 4500	District Nurse/Midwife	General work in Fleet. Part-time attached to Doctors Newell-Price and Collings-Wells - Fleet.
Mrs. E.A. Hill, 79 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. No. Fleet 6298	Health Visitor	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison - Fleet.
Miss D.L. Heath, 69 Weston Road, Woodbridge, Guildford, Surrey.	Health Visitor	Attached to the Group practice of Doctors Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey - Fleet.
Miss Z.E.M. Collyer, 61 Ferndale Road, Church Crookham. Tel. No. Fleet 5655	Health Visitor	Attached to the practice of Doctors Newell-Price and Collings-Wells - Fleet.

This area for general hospital purposes comes under the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet Hospital contains a total of 30 beds, 6 in the male ward, 16 in the female ward, 4 in the children's ward, 2 in the private wards and 2 beds which can be used as amenity beds or for very ill patients.

There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend the hospital.

Plans have been approved for the extension to Fleet Hospital and it is hoped that work may commence in the late Autumn of 1971.

Cases of infectious diseases are treated at Northfield Hospital, Aldershot. The ambulance service provides for the removal of patients to hospital through the North-East Ambulance Station at Hawley.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Mental Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children and the Tuberculosis service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the General Hospital, Aldershot and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board, as is the treatment part of the Tuberculosis service.

Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. Tel.No. Guildford 66091 and the Director is Dr. G.F. Cook. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the City Analyst of Portsmouth by arrangement with Portsmouth City Council, whilst examinations and analyses of foods generally is carried out by the Council's Public Analysts, (Messrs. Bernard Dyer and Partners Ltd., London).

Clinic and Treatment Centres:

Vaccination and Immunisation :

Clinics are held at the Schools as required.

Special Clinics:

Women

Monday 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 2.00 p.m. -
4.00 p.m. at Aldershot General
Hospital, St. Georges Road,
Aldershot.

Men

Monday, 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday, 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
at Aldershot General Hospital,
St. Georges Road, Aldershot.

Chest Clinics:

At Northfield Hospital,
Redan Road, Aldershot,
held every Monday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients 11.00 a.m.
New Patients second Monday every
month - Special Bronchitic Clinic

One Monday every month - B.C.G.
Session.

One Monday every month - Post
B.C.G. Session.

Tuesday, 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Old and new contacts. Old patients.
Urgent new patients.

Held every Thursday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients and urgent new
Patients.

Held on first, third and fifth
Wednesday in the month at Fleet
Hospital, old and new Patients.

Child Health Clinics:

Fleet (Church Hall)

Every Friday afternoon at the
Church Hall, Albert Street,
Fleet.

Fleet (Heatherlands)

Every second and fourth Thursday
afternoons in each month at
Heatherlands Evangelical Church,
77 Aldershot Road, Fleet.

Church Crookham
(War Memorial Hall)

Every Tuesday afternoon 2 - 4
p.m. Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane,
Church Crookham.

Dr. Newell-Price,
The Surgery,
Basingbourne Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday

Dr. Aubrey,
Hillside Surgery,
Crookham Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday

Outside the district but serving the area, School Clinics are held
as follows:-

School Eye Clinic at
Aldershot General Hospital.

By appointment.

Audiology Clinic at
School Clinic,
St. Georges Road East,
Aldershot.

By appointment

Speech Clinic at
School Clinic
St. Georges Road East,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Speech Clinic at
School Clinic,
The Grange Junior School,
Wren Way, off Mayfield Road,
Farnborough.

By appointment

Child Guidance Clinic at
Manor Park House,
Health Clinic,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Dental treatment is available under County Dental Service for children of school age, pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers. This is now provided in the new Dental Clinic at Fleet Courtmoor School by appointment only.

Diphtheria/tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccinations:

Diphtheria/tetanus and Whooping Cough vaccination prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and it is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor. Children under school age can still be immunised at the weekly child health clinics.

Prevention of Cancer of the Womb - The "Smear Test":

The County Council hold clinics at Manor Park House Health Clinic, Aldershot, for the early detection of cancer of the womb, for all women over the age of 35. Application for appointments are made to the County Medical Officer, the Castle, Winchester.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Since the Social Services Act, of 1970, the Welfare Service has been re-organised.

The Social Services Department now covers the fields previously covered by Welfare and Childrens' Departments, such special sections as the Blind and Deaf and some former Health functions, notably Home Help, Child Minding and Mental Welfare.

The Area Director of Social Services for North-East Hampshire is Mr. C.D. Fisher, and his office is located at Hippodrome House, Birchett Road, Aldershot. Telephone number:- Aldershot 28312.

Fleet is covered by a Group of Social Workers based at Hippodrome House, the Group Officer is Miss D. Newton, formerly the local Children's Officer.

Requests for help should be made:-

Mondays to Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

to the Area office.

For emergencies at other times to Ambulance Control (Winchester 61644) who will have the telephone number of the Social Worker on duty.

Home Help Sub-Office remains at 107 Fleet Road, Fleet, which is administered by Mrs. P.M. Roberts, Home Help Organiser on

Mondays 9.00 to 11.30 a.m.

Fridays 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Fleet 6513.

Home Help Service: (Fleet and Hartley Wintney combined)

There was an average of 40 Home Helps and three Good Neighbours on the register during the year.

The following information is kindly supplied by the Organiser:-

Cases helped		Applications	
Aged	204	Received and investigated	281
Chronic Sick	29	Assisted	182
Emergency	16	Advanced booking	8
Post Hospital	25		
Child Care	2		
Maternity	45		
Mental	1		
	<hr/> 322	- 8 by the Good Neighbour Scheme	
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This service passes into the control of the County Social Services Department in April, 1971

National Assistance Act 1948

No action was required under this Act.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1970 and the twenty-fourth since my appointment in 1947.

The routine work of the Department was maintained despite my own absence from the office through illness during the early part of the year and I feel I must pay tribute to the Additional Public Health Inspector for the efficient manner in which he carried out the increased work load during that time.

The Council's 1969 house construction programme overlapped into 1970 and plans were in hand for the building of 48 units of old people's accommodation on three sites and 19 units (12 three-bedroom houses and 7 two-bedroom flats) on another site. Further plans are in hand for old people's accommodation as well as general housing units which will probably materialise in the 1971/72 programme. All-in-all a commendable effort.

The number of food complaints received by the Department was halved but there is no great significance in this.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Southern Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:-

1. (a)(i) The sources supplying the Urban District are all underground in the chalk formation. All are subject to treatment which includes softening and regular examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water of the Statutory hardness, and suitable for public supply purposes.

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- (ii) There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.

"Whilst it is true to say that no restrictions were imposed on the water supply to the Urban District during 1970, it is acknowledged that failures of the supply did occur for short periods at particular points. As will be known the failures were due to distribution difficulties, and since that time supporting and strengthening of the particular system has taken place, to improve the position".

(b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled prior to use for supply purposes.

(c)(i) The figure for standpipes would be nil.

(d) The fluoride content is low, the range being 0.1 -- 0.2 ppm.

2. (a) Samples of raw and treated waters are examined bacteriologically weekly, the results of the treated waters being forwarded to you regularly.

It is impossible to segregate entirely those results applicable solely to the Urban District, but the most relevant figures for 1970 are:-

	<u>Number Tested</u>	<u>% Highly Satisfactory</u>
Raw waters before treatment	104	
Treated waters at Head Works	104	100.0
	<u>208</u>	

The raw waters are virtually constant in composition, but chemical analysis are undertaken regularly, and also on samples of softened water.

(b) The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Water Sampling:

(a) Public Main Supply.

Three samples of Mid-Southern Water Company's main supply were taken from sources in different parts of the district and all were reported satisfactory bacteriologically. The hardness figures were 11.2 degrees (Clark's Scale), 11.6 and 11.5.

(b) Public Swimming Pools.

There are two privately owned public swimming pools in the district. One is an open air pool, where the water (a main supply) is treated by aeration, filtration and chlorination and the other is a heated indoor one, where the water (a main supply) is treated by filtration and chlorination. Regular chemical testing for chlorine content, carried out as routine, provides a reasonable check on the bacterial quality of the water.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I am indebted to your Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. C.J. Eastman, C. Eng., M.I.Mun.E., M.Inst.H.E., for the following report:-

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The disposal works had some problems during the latter part of the year and it would seem that in order to keep up the high standard of effluent required by the Thames Conservancy some minor alterations are required in association with the effluent recirculation system, to enable the design recirculation rates to be maintained.

Sludge disposal, which has been a problem for some years, built up to intolerable proportions by the end of the year and use was made of one of the motorway borrow pits to supply a much needed outlet for the backlog.

Motorway works again caused access problems now resolved on completion of the Minley Road overbridge.

Sewerage Scheme - Soil Drainage

Another active year in this field as the following notes show:-

Contract 12. The western area drainage scheme was completed during the year as far as pipework through the Courtmoor area and the rising main from Hitches Lane.

The only remaining item is the installation of the larger pump at the Hitches Lane Pumping Station. This Contract was let to Messrs. Streeter through John Taylor & Sons, Consulting Engineers.

Contract 13. The Motorway pipe diversion Contract has been progressing slowly and it has proved a difficult one and consists of fixing a complicated network of large diameter mains in a previously constructed culvert under the Motorway. This Contract is let to Messrs. W. & C. French through John Taylor & Sons.

The Minley Road Pumping Station to replace the old ejector Station was substantially completed. This was prepared in my Department and let to Messrs. Franks Harris Ltd., in the tender sum of £3,850. It will replace, when in operation, an ejector station under the Minley/Cove Road junction which was hazardous to enter due to the traffic congestion such operations cause

Trade Effluent. Two cases of cyanide in the sewers were investigated and dealt with under agreements.

Population and area development statistics were again kept and a report in January, 1970 summed up the position then forecasting a 1970 population of 23,500 which was subsequently confirmed by the Registrar General's figure of 23,050 in June 1970.

Reference was also made to the possibilities of large scale release of Army land and the population pressures on the area evident in the North East Hants Urban Plan and the Strategic Plan for the South East.

This reference is still applicable together with the possibility for a service area which crystallised during the year into firm proposal as detailed below.

Motorway Service Area

The Council was asked by the Department of the Environment to undertake the design and construction of a sewage disposal scheme for the service area which includes a pumping station, rising main and extension to the disposal works to cope with the equivalent of a population of 2,500. This scheme is subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment and at their expense. John Taylor and Sons have been appointed Consulting Engineers and completion is expected in 1972.

Surface Water Drainage.

The Surface Water Improvement Scheme designed by Messrs. Balfour and Sons is about to go out to tender after lengthy consultations with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of the Environment.

Refuse Collection.

An additional man was employed in the middle of the year to cope with the new properties constructed.

A fourth collector was added to the fourth round crew and the balance of notional bonus remaining, distributed in substitution for the full bonus attained by the other three rounds.

This system seems to have reduced major troubles to recovery of round timing after bank holidays.

A new depot was opened giving improved facilities to the men, washrooms, mess rooms etc., a much needed facility. A new refuse vehicle was put into operation during the year.

Trade Refuse.

The Council failed to approve the scheme to levy a charge for this service after a detailed report in Spring 1970.

Refuse Disposal

The joint tipping arrangements with Hartley Wintney Rural District Council continued through the year, though we have been informed that the present tip at Hazeley Heath is rapidly approaching the end of its life and that planning application has been made for a new tip at Bramshill giving Fleet and Hartley Wintney Rural District Council a 10 year capacity.

Meetings of the North East Hants and West Surrey Consortium Working Party on refuse disposal have continued through the year and the Final report is expected in the Spring. The Local Government Operational Research Unit is computing the Party's findings for optimum locations of the necessary disposal centres.

Improvement Grants

Although the number of applications for Improvement Grants shows a further increase, I feel there is still scope for more applications. It would appear that owners still do not fully appreciate that grants are available and that these grants are quite generous in financial terms and greater publicity would seem to be the answer. It is known that the Department of the Environment are aware of this and publicity in 1971 is to be greatly increased.

The following table summarises the applications received and the action taken thereon.

Type of Grant	Applications received	No. of Premises	No. approved (Premises)	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Improvement (formerly discretionary)	13	13	13	10	3
Standard	9	9	9	7	2
Totals	22	22	22	17	5

Housing.

Slum Clearance Programme.

The remaining ten occupiers of houses in the first phase 1969/70 programme were re-housed in early 1970 and the second phase houses will now be dealt with when the Council's 1971 house building programme is completed, probably in the autumn of that year.

House Building Progress.

Total number of post-war houses erected in the district is:-

Council houses - 509; Private enterprise - 3,355 making a total of 3,864.

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. M.G. Atkins) for the following report:-

Since preparing my last report, there has been a steady progress with the building of new units of accommodation. The Warden Assisted housing scheme comprising 15 bed-sitters and 4 flats for married couples together with a 3 bedroom flat for the Warden and accommodation for the Relief Warden was completed and occupied in February, 1970. The 46 units of mixed development and consisting of 8 bed-sitters for old people, 6 three-bedroom houses, 16 two person flats for old people and 16 two-bedroom flats for general housing along with 22 garages was completed and occupied as from the end of March, 1970.

The current programme, now under course of construction, consists of 48 old people's flats for general housing needs being 24 for single occupants and 24 for married couples. These consist of 3 blocks of 16 being sited in Kings Road, Award Road and Johnson Way. It is hoped they will all be completed and tenanted during 1971. Also a further 19 units of general housing being 12 two-bedroom flats and 7 three-bedroom houses are now being built in Elvetham Road on the site of the four old council houses which were demolished. These too should be completed about the end of 1971.

The Council's third Warden Assisted housing scheme has also been planned, and is currently out to tender. This will be the largest and comprise 24 one person flats and 6 two person flats, together with accommodation for a Warden and Assistant Warden. Additionally, it is planned to build 4 units of general old people's housing adjacent to the scheme.

The Council has maintained its policy of transferring tenants to accommodation more suitable to means, size of family etc., wherever possible.

An analysis of lettings for the year is shown below:-

General Housing -	
transfers to more suitable accommodation	34
General Housing - new tenancies.....	20
N.G.T.E.	7
Old People's Housing - new tenancies	25
Warden Assisted - new tenancies	20
Service Tenancies	10

All applicants on the waiting lists are invited to re-register annually, and this left the strength of the waiting lists as follows:-

		<u>Deferred</u>
General Housing.	105	63
Old People's Housing	49	40
Warden Assisted Housing	35	2 (awaiting assent)
Slum Clearance	7	-
Service Personnel	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
	210	112
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

Caravans

There is one privately owned and operated caravan site in the District, permanently licensed for 140 caravans. The site has been maintained in its usual very satisfactory condition during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council is a constituent member, together with other Local Authorities in the North East of the County, of the North Hants Pest Control Committee, which now meets three times a year to discuss problems, hear technical lectures and see films on rodent and other pest problems. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Defence Department attend. Locally a free service continued to be given to both business and private premises.

Further to my comments last year, no new rodenticide to replace Warfarin, has so far been discovered but great efforts are afoot to find such a poison.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below:-

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agriculture	Agriculture
1. Number of properties in District.	6641	5
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	264	0
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	240	0
(ii) Mice	78	0
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	437	5
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	449	5
(ii) Mice	125	2

Pest Destruction

Dwelling houses were treated for the following pests:-

Flies, ants and fleas and advice on the eradication of other pests, not defined as rodent pests under the Act, was given.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

This statute deals with the environmental welfare of employees in offices, shops, etc., (sanitary accommodation, water supply, heating, lighting, temperature and first aid) and action is now confined to following-up notices served, inspecting new premises and the routine inspection of existing registered premises.

The following table gives the statistical position at the end of 1970.

TABLE "A"

REGISTRATIONS AND
GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of Premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total No. of registered Premises at end of year (3)	No. of registered Premises receiving general inspection during the year. (4)
Offices	5	54	5
Retail Shops	10	134	44
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	2	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	17	1
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
Total	15	208	51

TABLE "B"

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE "C"

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND

Section of the Act	Facility or other Matter	Number found
4	Cleanliness	8
6	Temperature	6
7	Ventilation	1
8	Lighting	1
10	Washing facilities	4
16	Floors, stairs and passages	3
24	First Aid	5
50	Abstract -- Information for Employees	7
	Total	<u>35</u>

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Two accidents were reported to the Department during the year. Neither was serious and neither merited statutory action.

It is the duty of the local authority to investigate any accidents reported in all the premises registered under the Act and to take any necessary action by advice, warning letter or prosecution.

The County Council remain responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing provisions of the Shops Acts.

DRAINAGE

A further three dwelling-houses, on cesspool drainage, were connected to the public sewers during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There is now only one producer of milk within the Urban District, and thirty retailers of bottled milk - (twenty-six from shops only)

Twenty-nine inspections of dairies were made during the year and no statutory action was called for.

No unprocessed milk is now sold in the area.

(b) Sampling

A total of forty-two samples were taken with the following results:-

Designation	No. of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test			Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test	U.H.T. Test
		P	F	Test Void	P	F	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Pasteurised	33	33	—	—	33	—	—	—
Sterilised	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—
Ultra Heat Treated	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	42	33	—	—	33	—	7	2

It is pleasing to report a 100% pass rate for the samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination.

Five of the samples submitted were from roundsmen, one from a school, thirty-six were from local dairies and shops. No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused disease in human beings.

Designated Milk

The Local Authority, under delegated powers from the County Council, issue Dealers' Licences on behalf of the latter.

At the end of 1970 the following licences were in force:-

For Pasteurised Milk:

	1 Dealer's	(pasteuriser's)
	24 Dealer's	(Pre-packed Milk)

For Untreated Milk : Nil

For Sterilised Milk : 2 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)

For Ultra Heat Treated Milk : 7 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)

The one pasteurising establishment in the district is licensed by the Local Authority on behalf of the County Council.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

No samples of raw milk were examined.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

Meat and Food Inspection

The butchers in the area, except in one case, obtain all their supplies of meat from wholesalers. One butcher purchases animals at a market and has them slaughtered at a licensed slaughter house in Farnborough. The meat is generally of a high standard and only relatively small amounts have to be condemned at the retail shops.

Slaughtering Facilities

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food having accepted the Council's report under Section 3 of the Slaughterhouse Act 1958, there is nothing further to add under this heading. There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the area, the two licensed before 1939 not having been re-opened.

The following articles of food were surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human food.

Meat (offal)	- 20 lbs.	Cooked meat and	- 7 lbs.
Meat (carcase)	- 1660 lbs.	meat products	
Fish	- 4 stones	Bread	- 60 ozs.
Tinned meats (various)	- 112 lbs.	Flour	- 4 bags
Tinned foods (various)	- 6347	and a large quantity of frozen foodstuffs surrendered because of refrigerator failures.	

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

In accordance with paragraph a (b) of Circular 1/71, the following information is given:-

Trade	No. of Premises
Butchers	12
Bakehouses and Confectioners	8
Cooked Meats	2
Fish (raw)	4
Fish (fried)	3
Greengrocery	8
Grocers (including mixed shops)	29
Cafes	9
Factory and School Canteens	8
Ice Cream Premises	54
Frozen Food Premises	1

A total of 220 inspections of all types of food premises were made during the year.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district and there are 54 retail premises where only a pre-packed article is sold.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The following table gives details of complaints about the fitness of food and the action taken:

DETAILS OF FOOD COMPLAINED OF	ACTION TAKEN
Section 2	
(1) Cheese - Mould	Warning letter to Manufacturer
(2) Frozen Cod Fillets - Parasite infestation	No statutory action
(3) Sausages - discoloured	No action - lack of evidence
(4) Tomato Soup - tin (alleged cause of illness)	No action - lack of evidence
(5) Scone cake - Foreign body	Warning letter to Manufacturer
(6) Cornish Pasty - Mould	Retailer prosecuted - fined £10 and costs.
(7) Steak and Kidney Pie - Foreign body	Warning letter to Manufacturer
(8) Cheez Whizz - Mould	Warning letter to Manufacturer
(9) Frozen Chicken Pie - Foreign Body	Warning letter to Manufacturer
(10) Ginger Cordial Essence - Contamination	No action - contamination not confirmed
(11) Pork Pie - Mould	Warning letter to Manufacturer lack of evidence for statutory action
(12) Bread - Mould	Manufacturers prosecuted - fined £10 and costs

The number of complaints dealt with represents a fifty per cent decrease.

Adulteration etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. J.S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer, for the following report:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1970, 107 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Milk Samples

54 Samples of Milk, including 53 of "Channel Islands" were obtained. Of these 4 samples of "Channel Islands" and the sample of ordinary milk proved unsatisfactory. The "Channel Islands" samples were unsatisfactory due to deficiencies in fat, but were from larger consignments which on average were of the required fat content and consequently did not involve any offences.

The unsatisfactory sample of ordinary milk was a consumer complaint of a $\frac{1}{3}$ pint bottle of school milk which contained foreign matter. This proved to be a fragment of black paper coated with a film of dried milk solid adhering to the inside of the bottle. Legal proceedings were instituted which resulted in fines and costs of £19.14.0d. (£19.70).

Miscellaneous Samples

53 samples of articles other than milk, included 6 of ice cream, were taken and these were all satisfactory.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicine Act. There were no serious complaints regarding these matters.

GENERAL SANITARY INSPECTION WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table:-

Premises Inspected								No. of Inspections
Re: Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Accumulations of refuse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Noise Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Pest Infestation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Licensed Premises and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Atmospheric Pollution (Clean Air)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Rivers Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Meat and Food Inspection:

Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Fishmongers and Fish Fryers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sweet Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cafes and Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Street Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Milk Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Miscellaneous Food Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43

Dwelling-houses:

Under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Re Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Re-inspections - Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Local Land Charges Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspections re Qualification Certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

The Rodent Operator also carried out the work of unstopping drains on request, at a nominal charge to the occupier of 5/- (25p) per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of public health nuisances.

Complaints:

Rodent Infestation	...	...	...	408
Drainage (obstructed drains)	337
Pest infestations (general)	364
Public Health Nuisances (General)	18

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Again there was an increase in the number of complaints dealt with, mainly in connection with rodent and general pest infestations, wasps nests accounted for the majority of the latter.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act 1961 are now given as an Appendix to the Report.

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Form of Notice	Number Served	Premises	Defects
Informal: Sanitary Defects	8	8	35
Statutory: Sanitary Defects	2	2	2

In conclusion, I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation of their support. I also express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Treasurer and finally to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Morton.

Once again I pay tribute to the small staff without whose loyalty and efficiency the Department would not function as satisfactorily as it does.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

F.E. SMALE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

June 1971

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

(1) Premises	(2) Number on Register	Number of		
		(3) Inspections	(4) Written Notices	(5) Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	61	37	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	—	—	—	—
Totals	61	37	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Lack of inter- vening ventilated space	3	3	—	—	—
Totals	3	3	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

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I.H.C. Morton.

Medical Officer of Health.

June 1971.

